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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DCI:

1. Dick Helms and I, at your request, conferred in the White House yesterday afternoon with Pierre Salinger, regarding Cuban refugee stories appearing in the Press (all media).

2. There was discussion of specific stories, such as the Onley broadcast over CBS from HAVANA; the missile story in the NEW YORK MIRROR; the Henry Taylor columns; there was a general discussion of what has been done by CIA and what more can be done by CIA and the White House in lessening the effect on the public by having the Press check with us prior to publication so as to get what guidance we can furnish; to try to have the Press check the source of these stories as to reliability and motive. In this endeavor we may be able to assist and to impress on the Press the damage done to the United States by false and rumor stories since the Press can also suffer when it carries inaccurate stories. The CIA by taking immediate action with the Press when it knows of such stories and to continue doing this in the hope the Press may become more concerned. In essence we are to continue what we have been doing.

3. Salinger asked that I keep him informed when I make any calls to the Press on Cuban refugee stories. I informed him of the TV and Radio and wire service chiefs I had talked to and of the cooperation we had received. I furnished him with copies of the four Henry J. Taylor columns, which have been printed without editing only by the NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM, so far as I can learn, having been cut in the WASHINGTON NEWS and in other Scripps Howard papers. The Administration-- White House, "whiz kids" in Defense and CIA--are taken to task by Taylor, but he has some good things to say of the DCI and some "unsung heroes" of CIA. I told Salinger of my call to Taylor.

4. The CBS story from Havana is one that, coming from the field, the network might not care to downgrade or even check in advance. Salinger said it might be advisable to take the matter up in New York with Richard Salant, the top news chief of CBS. Schoenbrun in Washington is on our side.

[redacted] wants to meet Mr. McCone.

5. NBC (Monroe) cooperated. Peter Hackes, who covers Defense for NBC, in a broadcast said a CIA official asked newsmen to cooperate on how they played the Cuban refugee stories, but added that NBC cooperated even though "a digging reporter" can't get the time of day at CIA.

6. We should do some cooperating by having the DCI meet, from time to time, certain Bureau chiefs and columnists and discuss, on a non-attribution basis, the world hot spots and some of CIA problems in relation thereto.

7. Today I plan to call Glenn Neville, Editor of the NEW YORK MIRROR, and Lyle Wilson, Vice President of UPI, and Richard Salant, CBS, and will inform Salinger of the calls and the results.

75/ S. J. Grogan

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